

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1636, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE
3 ONLINE STUDENT LITERACY AND ACADEMIC TEXT SUPPORT SYSTEM.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8 ignated as Section 33-1636, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 33-1636. READING RESOURCES -- LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature
10 finds that reading skills are paramount to students' academic and career
11 success. The legislature further finds that not all schools are able to
12 provide adequate access to academic texts to support student learning. To
13 ensure that districts and schools have adequate resources, the state depart-
14 ment of education shall make available a statewide online student literacy
15 and academic text support system. The support system shall offer unlimited
16 access to authentic, nonfiction texts personalized for students, match
17 texts to students based on age and lexile reading level, and allow the class-
18 room teacher to monitor student engagement and growth.